

# SIDECAR:

**A first step toward interoperable JCIDS docs.**

semantically informed dynamic engineering of capabilities and requirements



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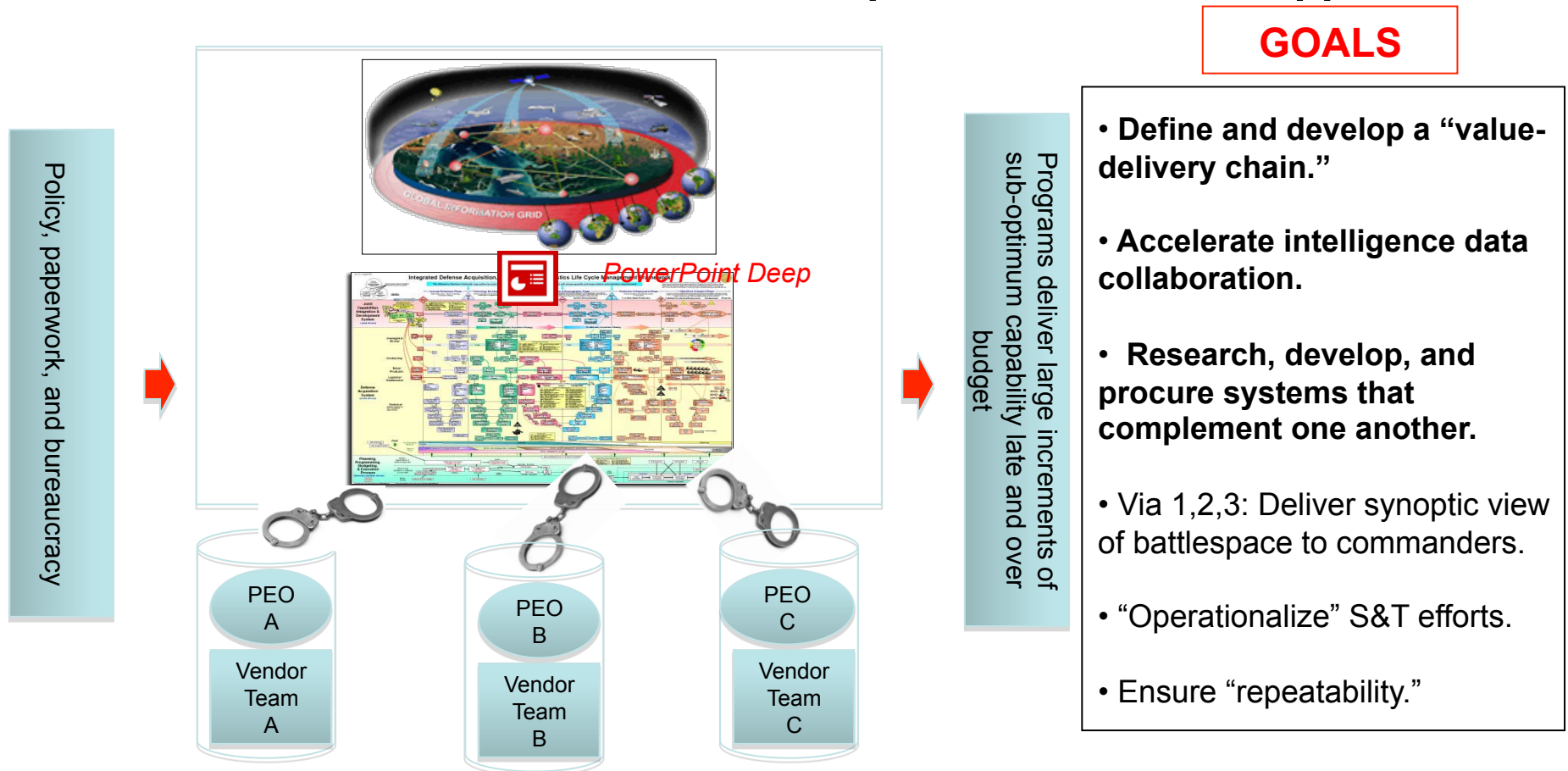
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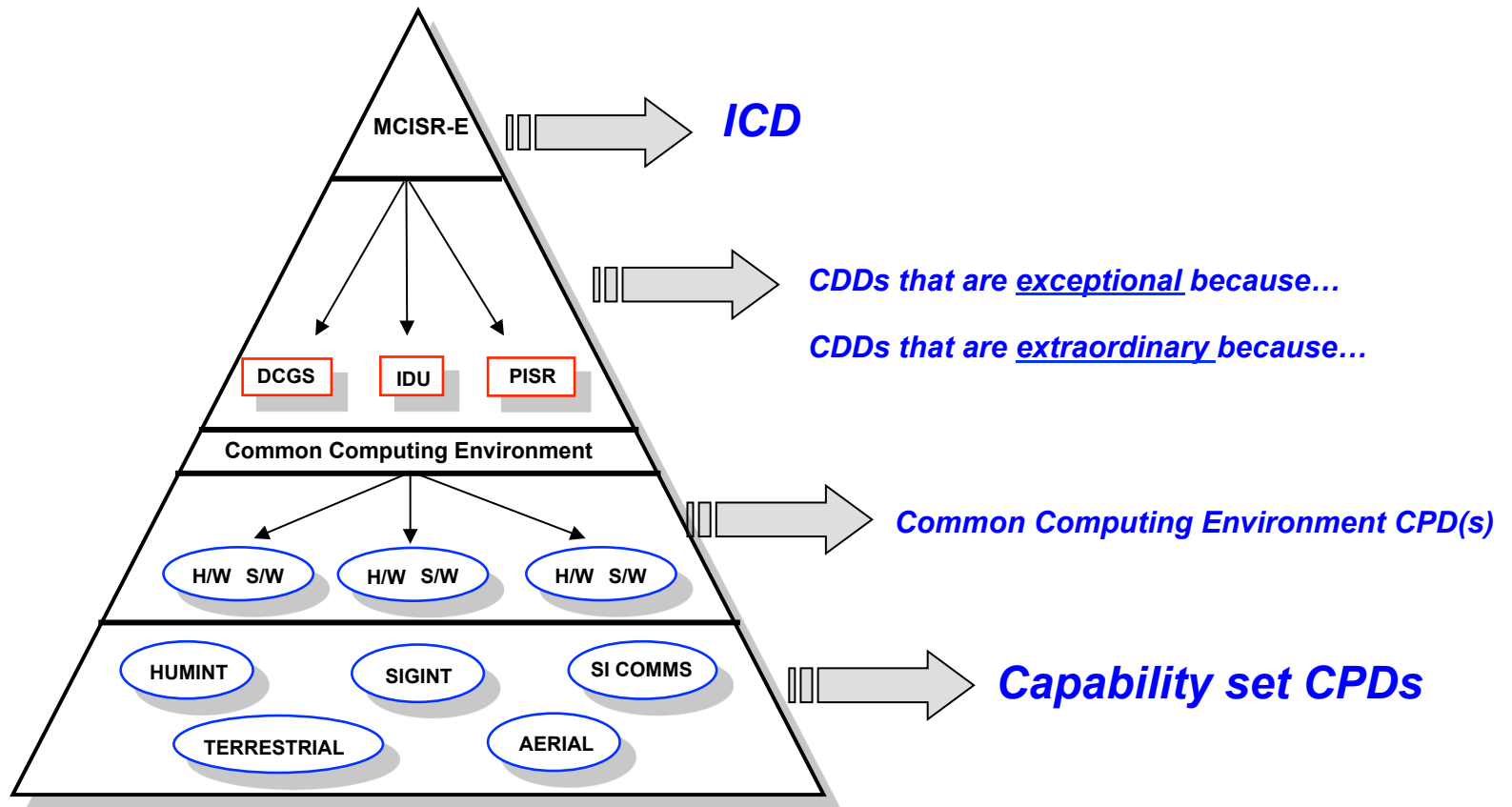
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# The Context: Enterprise Architecture

- **Key Challenge: Current Requirements and Acquisition Processes do NOT lend themselves to an Enterprise Architecture Approach.**



# The Context (2): OPT Strategy for Enterprise-Level Capabilities Documents



# The Context (3): What is Different about CDDs?

- CDDs that are exceptional because...
  - **CDD will not be for a single increment of development or a single material solution (box), but is a Capability Description Document for an enterprise architecture** (Concurrence for Beta-Test of Process Improvement required from J8).
  - **Any number of diverse Capability Set increments will be defined in and be produced off the CDD baseline** (Concurrence for Beta-Test of Process Improvement required from J8).
- CDD's that are extraordinary because...
  - Define an enterprise architecture and common computing environment (OV-1 MCISR-E ICD).
  - Adopt commercial best practices and use common components between PISR, IDU and DCGS.
  - Specify, within those CDDs, a business process.
  - Codify a developmental process for USMC Intel capabilities in a requirements document.
  - **Are written in “mark-up language” (machine-reasonable) to facilitate integration.**
  - Define an open system architecture with compliance required from vendors and developers.

# The Context (4): The problem SIDECAR is tackling

- Acq. & Req's. needs to model programs, ICDs, CDDs, CPDs, relevant policies, technologies,... so new capabilities/requirements doc's.
  - can be produced faster and with higher accuracy and precision and interoperability,
  - can be kept up to date,
  - can trigger alerts when things change that make parts of them stale or noncompliant,
  - can predictively analyze *possible* changes (i.e., infer the impact of that change on existing programs, given their requirements and interdependencies.)
- So what is the bottleneck to accomplishing this functionality?
  - $S^3$  (size, speed, security)  $\leftarrow$  often the *apparent* bottleneck
  - Lack of deep semantic understanding  $\leftarrow$  more daunting problem obscured by  $S^3$ 
    - “understanding”: represent the knowledge and reason with it (at least to human levels)
    - It would be reckless to delegate this 99% of this task to a group of brittle idiot savants.
    - And yet, in effect that is what is going on, today, since that is the level of intelligence in today's databases and textual document preparation and processing software tools.

# The Bottom Line for Today

- You'll see a demo of a system (SIDECAR) in which:
  - The user (a req. officer) is writing a CDD
  - As the user “fills out” each part of each section of that doc.:
    - SIDECAR uses that newly entered information to infer something
      - Notice something out of compliance with existing policies and req's.
      - Constrain future “menu choices” (special case: 0 or 1 options remain)
    - SIDECAR reacts appropriately to that newly *inferred* conclusion
    - Analogue: TurboTax helping you fill out your 1040 tax return
- What we're asking from you, going forward:
  - Support **MCISR-E\*** documentation strategy as a test case of this “active deep semantics” approach to crafting/updating capabilities requirements
  - Assistance in exposing this to the broader requirements community and in forging a partnership between VCJCS's **CDTM\*\*** effort and SIDECAR



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\* Marine Corps Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaisance Enterprise

\*\* Capability Development Tracking Management System (Faccina Global)



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Forms



Print Center



Help Center

Personal Info

Federal Taxes

State Taxes

Wrap-Up

Print & File



Find

Show Topic List

Wages & Income

Deductions & Credits

Other Tax Situations

Federal Review

Error Check

## Enter 1099-MISC Information

Fill in **any amounts** that appear on your Form 1099-MISC, in the **corresponding boxes** below. (Enter one 1099-MISC at a time.)

Who Paid You?

Payer's Tax ID No:

Employer ID No.

Or

Soc. Sec. No.

### Boxes 1-15b

1 - Rents

2 - Royalties

3 - [Other Income](#)

5 - [Fishing Boat Proceeds](#)

7 - [Nonemployee Comp](#)

9 - N/A

13 - [Golden Parachute Pmts](#)

15a - Section 409A Deferrals

4 - Federal Tax Withheld

6 - [Medical Payments](#)

8 - [Substitute Payments](#)

10 - Crop Insurance

14 - Gross [Attorney's Fees](#)

15b - Section 409A Income

### Boxes 16-18

16 - State Tax

18 - State

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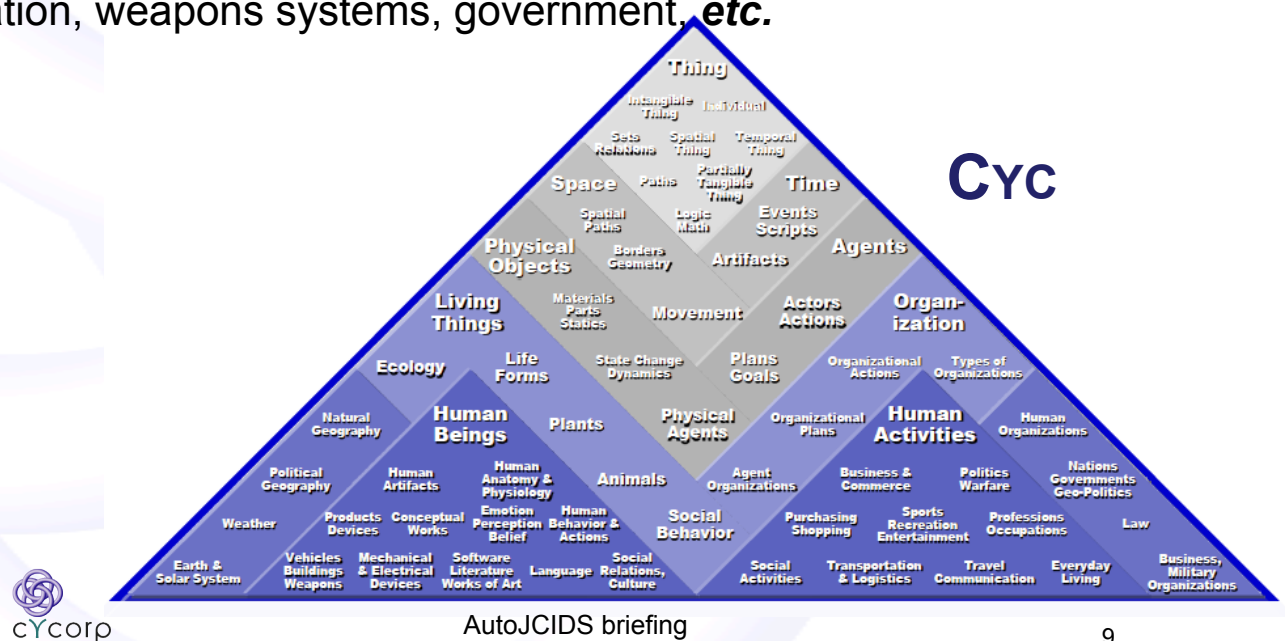
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# What does SIDECAR start with?

- (1) a detailed understanding of CDDs
- (2) a partial model of related efforts (eg MCISR-E) and organizations (eg JCB) and policies (eg Net-Ready Key Performance Param., DOD Enterprise Architecture)
  - This has increasing returns on usage (as it runs on more and more documents)
- (3) millions of pieces of real world knowledge and “common sense” – **microtheories** – about physical objects and processes, time, space, goals, containment, roles, causation, belief, intelligence, arguments, countries, climate, software, networks, computers, transportation, weapons systems, government, **etc.**



## How does **SIDECAR** represent all that?

**Each statement** is represented simultaneously in several different ways:

(1) *superficially*: record the specific blanks that are filled in, boxes checked, menu items chosen, etc., on the SIDECAR screens

(2) *formally*: record each piece of knowledge in higher order logic ( $n^{\text{th}}$ -order predicate calculus), so it is fully machine-reasonable

- **The user never sees this!**

(3) “*semantically*” (as in Semantic Web): node & link graphs/diagrams such as the CONOPS visualizer

- A display generated from a subset of the formal assertions

(4) Hyperlinked English prose: the growing CDD document

- Automatically-generated glosses of a subset of the formal assertions
- Links point back to the assertions and, through them, the entry screens

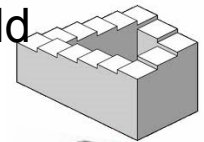
(5) the flattened English-text-only CDD document

- Remove the hyperlinks from (4)

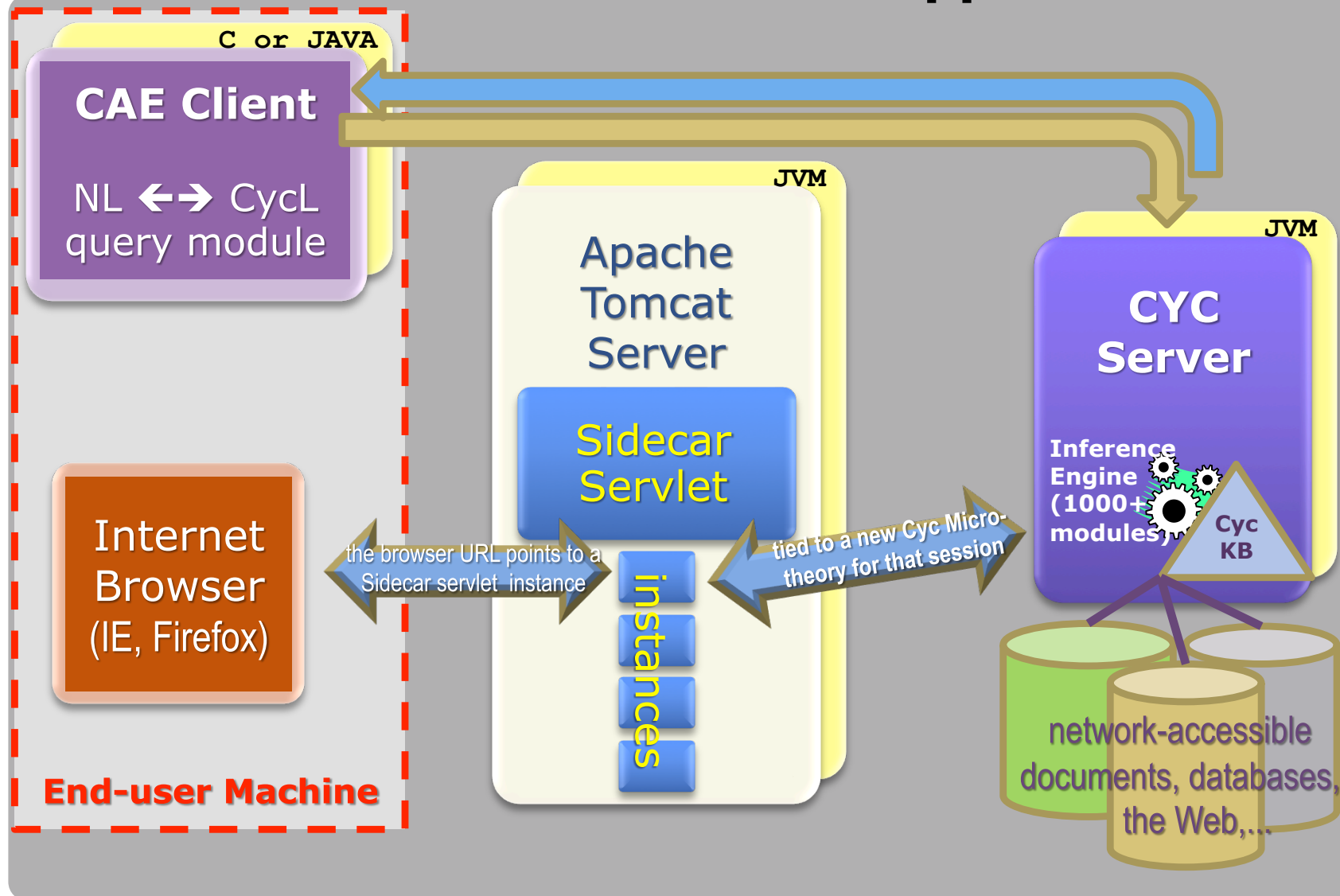
# So what does it actually *do*, with that knowledge?

As each new assertion (about the target system, or about the CDD) is added, SIDECAR runs an inference engine to conclude new things it believes to be true, based on everything that it has been told so far.

- <sup>1</sup> **And then it reacts appropriately to the newly inferred assertions.**
- Sometimes it deduces a contradiction with what it was already told
  - **Ask the user to resolve that, or explicitly defer resolving it**
- Sometimes it infers some constrained choices for menus/options.
  - **Special case:** the number of options goes to **0**: **Eliminate that question entirely**
  - **Special case:** the number of options goes to **1**: **Guess that as the correct value**
- Sometimes it induces what the most information-theoretically useful place would be, for the user to focus their attention and work on next
  - **Suggest to the user where they might want to attend next (highlight or GUIDE)**
- Sometimes it induces plausible guesses for as-yet-unstated relations
  - **Ask the user to confirm or deny that hypothesis (or just skip doing either)**



# SIDECAR Web-App Architecture



# Cyc Knowledge Base

Cyc contains:

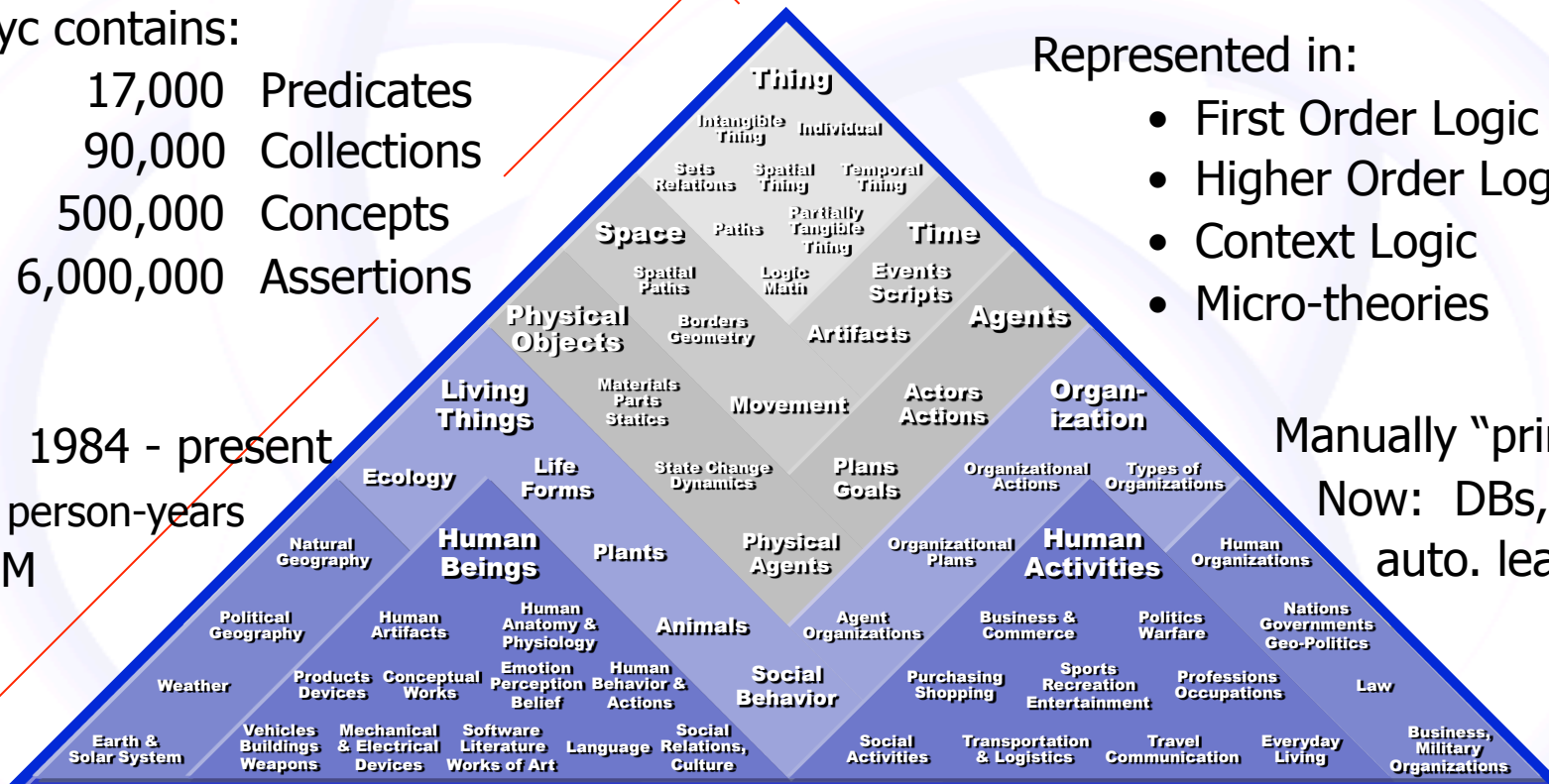
17,000 Predicates  
90,000 Collections  
500,000 Concepts  
6,000,000 Assertions

Represented in:

- First Order Logic
- Higher Order Logic
- Context Logic
- Micro-theories

Built: 1984 - present  
1050 person-years  
\$110 M

Manually "primed."  
Now: DBs, NLU,  
auto. learning



Domain-specific Knowledge

Databases of detailed facts, observations, etc.

## How *formalized knowledge* + inference helps search



find information  
by inference (+KB)

### Analyst's Query:

*"Government buildings  
damaged in terrorist events  
in Beirut  
between 1990 and 2001"*



## How *formalized knowledge* + inference helps answer queries

2 reports about the Khobar Towers bombing:



“There were 17 fatalities.”



“17 U.S. servicemen died.”

Queries from analysts:

*“...attacks in which no civilians died...”*

*“...attacks with only American fatalities...”*

# CYC Knowledge Base + CYC Inference Engine

“Ariel Sharon was in Jerusalem throughout 2005  
(except for isolated trips each < 1 week long)”



“Condoleezza Rice made a ten-day trip to  
Jerusalem in February of 2005”



Both of them were in Jerusalem during February 2005  
(at least for a few contiguous days during that month)

They had a meeting, then (even if it didn't make the news.)



# 400+ Relations Between an Event and its Participants

- **performedBy**
- **causes-EventEvent**
- **objectPlaced**
- **objectOfStateChange**
- **outputsCreated**
- **inputsDestroyed**
- **assistingAgent**
- **beneficiary**
- **fromLocation**
- **toLocation**
- **deviceUsed**
- **driverActor**
- **damages**
- **vehicle**
- **providerOfMotiveForce**
- **transportees**

# Next steps for development and deployment

1. Flesh out this prototype to the point where it can generate an entire ICD or CDD (e.g., PISR)
2. “Backfill” by running SIDECAR through the repository of relevant existing documents and existing policies/requirements, entering them as though they were new ← *incr. interoperability*
3. Augment the knowledge base so that SIDECAR can support software architects tasked with designing new target systems, not just documenting their designs
4. Continue augmenting SIDECAR’s KB to the point where it can be deployed operationally
  - \* Collaborative effort with Faccina Global to integrate logic-based SIDECAR + English-text-based CDTM
5. Build an *ad hoc* query formulation/answering interface
  - \* After 2 hours of training, capabilities officers should be able to use it to generate a new requirement, to find existing similar requirements, to determine applicable policies, and to see the impact of policy changes on the new requirement.
  - \* A capabilities officer can support a decision-maker or analyst by entering a potential change in policy, technology, exigent threat, etc., in “what-if?” mode, to automatically calculate the impact of that on the terrain of JCIDS programs
6. Carry out periodic “regression tests” on all active programs’ ICDs, CCDs, etc., re-running them through SIDECAR as though for the first time, to catch new “warnings” worth calling human attention to (due, in turn, to personnel changes, technology changes, operation priority changes, etc.)
7. Broaden the coverage (beyond JCIDS) and deployment (to other Services) and develop DoD internal capability to do the maintenance/extensions/training (rely on Cycorp only for 3<sup>rd</sup> echelon of maint.)